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February 19, 1997

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37201

**Re: Toll Dial Parity Plan for United Telephone-Southeast's LATA in the
State of Tennessee
Docket No. 96-01235**

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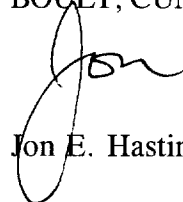
Dear David:

At the Conference on February 18, 1997 the above-referenced matter first came to the attention of MCI Telecommunications Corporation. MCI has had experience with similar toll dial parity plans in other states and understands how its interests can be affected by such plans.

Enclosed please find an original and thirteen (13) copies of the Petition of MCI Telecommunications Corporation for Leave to Intervene in the above-referenced matter. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$25.00 in payment of the filing fee. The action of the Authority at its Conference on February 18, 1997 was to appoint Director Malone as a Hearing Officer and to set a procedural schedule. We certainly do not want to delay this process, but believe our interests require this request to intervene in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

REC'D IN BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
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OFFICE OF THE
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PLEASE

**PETITION OF MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CORPORATION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

DO NOT REMOVE

MCI Telecommunications Corporation ("MCI"), pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 4-5-310, petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") for leave to intervene in the above-referenced proceeding and participate as its interests may appear and in support of its Petition, states as follows:

1. MCI is a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in the State of Tennessee, operating as an interexchange carrier under a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. As a holder of such certificate, MCI has legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities and other legal interests that will be affected by and determined in the above-captioned proceeding.

2. As a certificate holder, Petitioner's legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, and other legal interests will be determined and affected by the above-referenced proceedings.

3. The interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing the intervention of Petitioner. Petitioner seeks to intervene and participate as its interests may appear.

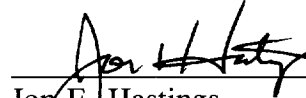
4. This Petition to Intervene is being filed at least seven (7) days before the hearing of this cause.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, MCI Telecommunications Corporation prays that it be granted leave to intervene and participate in this proceeding with all attendant rights

and responsibilities and to receive copies of any notices, or orders, or any other dockets filed herein, and to have such other, further and general relief as the justice of its causes may entitle it to receive.

Dated this 19th day of February, 1997.

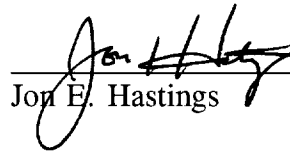
Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jon E. Hastings, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition of MCI Telecommunications Corporation for Leave to Intervene on Jim Wright, Esq. and Steve Parrott, United Telephone-Southeast, Inc., 14111 Capital Blvd., Wake Forest, NC 27587 this 19th day of February, 1997.



Jon E. Hastings